DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Government have arranged for a further supply and such supplies have been received from various sources. We stand now assured of a further supply of 1800 bales till the month of July 1942.

Control of the prices of cotton yarn.

35. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have controlled the prices of cotton yarn;

(*b*) the price or prices fixed by the Controller;

(*c*) whether yarn is at present sold at that price; and

(*d*) what steps have they taken to assure that the consumers will get the required quantity?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) * A copy of notification R. O. C. No. 341/41/C. F. S. dated the 25th August 1941, containing the information is laid on the table;

(*c*) Yes; and

(*d*) Arrangements have been made with the Madura Mills and others in the matter for the supply of the required yarn.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether there are complaints from the people of Chathanoor, Paravoor and Quilon to the effect that they do not get the required quantity of yarn?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I have no information of such complaints, Sir. We have received stray complaints and they have been attended to as soon as they were received.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there have been complaints that the sale of yarn was withheld by merchants?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Very very few complaints were received and the aggrieved party was directed to the nearest authorities concerned to get their complaints redressed.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Is there any instruction issued to the local authorities to attened to such complaints?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Instructions have been issued.

PRESIDENT: They are not always understood by the local authorities, especially in Quilon.

Travancore University Graduates.

36. ***MR. G. VELU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are giving any preference to Travancore University graduates in the matter of appointment to Government service?

MR. S. N. URE: The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether Government will consider the question of giving preference to the graduates of the Travancore University in the matter of appointment?

MR. S. N. URE: Yes, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): May I know the reason why the graduates of the Travancore University are not given preference in the matter of appointments?

* *Vide* Appendix I, page 103.

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